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# Protecting your haystack from deer and elk

After a several year respite, winter has returned in force to Washington. That means deer and elk are turning to haystacks in search of food.

Here are some strategies for keeping deer and elk away from your haystacks.

## TEMPORARY FENCING

- Surround haystacks with plastic mesh that resembles chicken wire. CINTOFLEX, one example, is available in six and a half foot by 330 foot rolls, and is distributed only through one California company. Check with your local agricultural cooperative for more information.

- Surround haystacks with four foot by eight foot welded wire panels. Cut the panels in half and place them side by side to create an eight foot square temporary fence. The panels should be available through your local feed or livestock equipment vendor, or your agricultural cooperative.

- Surround haystacks with two foot by six foot panels built from rough cut lumber.

- Surround haystacks with six foot high snow fencing. Snow fencing is usually sold in 50 foot rolls.

## PERMANENT FENCING

- A permanent fence should be at least six feet high for deer, eight feet for elk. Use woven wire and 10 foot high metal or wooden fence posts. Most supplies should be available through your local agricultural cooperative, agricultural supply or feed store, hardware store or lumber yard.

- Surround haystacks kept in pole barns with woven wire. The wire is available at most agricultural supply stores in three foot by 330 foot rolls. Double the height so your fence is at least six feet high.

## PALLETS

Surround haystacks with old or new wooden pallets. Pallets that are six feet high on one side work best. Shorter pallets can be nailed together to create a six foot high barrier.

## COVERS

Cover haystacks with tarps made from any kind of durable material. Besides protecting hay from the weather, properly applied tarps can prevent deer from eating haystacks. It's difficult to stop deer feeding patterns once the animals have found this food source.

## COOPERATION

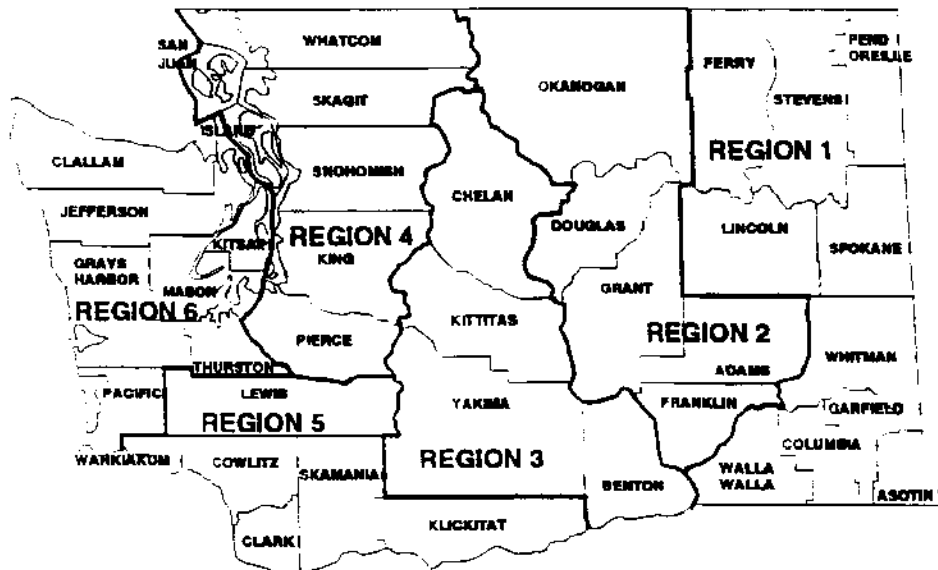
Haystack protection materials are cheaper when purchased in bulk or large quantity. Work with your neighbors to make a single, large purchase.

If you're an urban person who appreciates what rural landowners do for wildlife, help these landowners construct fences and barriers that keep deer and elk away from haystacks.

# PROTECTING YOUR HAYSTACKS

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